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Vocabulary:

"From Terror to Hope"

1. **cacophony** (kuh-KOF-uh-nee) *noun*; A cacophony is a jumble of loud, harsh, unpleasant sounds. Many drivers honking their car horns in a traffic jam would create a cacophony.
2. **convene** (kuhn-VEEN) *verb*; To convene is to come together—or to bring others together—for some sort of meeting. For example, your parents might convene the family in the living room for an announcement.
3. **converge** (kuhn-VURJ) *verb*; When people or things converge, they come together from different places. Athletes from around the world converge at the Olympics. A crowd might converge on a celebrity. Roads often converge at the center of a town.
4. **hijack** (HAHY-jak) *verb*; To hijack a plane, bus, or other vehicle is to take control of it by force. When a plane is hijacked, the hijackers may force the pilot to fly the plane to a particular place, or they may fly the plane themselves. When a car is hijacked, the hijackers often force the driver out and steal the car.
5. **iconic** (ahy-KAHN-ik) *adjective*; Someone or something is iconic if it is seen as a symbol and is recognizable to many people. The Eiffel Tower is iconic because so many people think of it as a symbol of Paris, France. The red and yellow S on Superman's chest is iconic because so many people recognize it as the symbol of Superman. A movie might be considered iconic if it is very famous and is thought to represent a particular time period or genre of movie.
6. **ideology** (ahy-dee-AHL-uh-jee) *noun*; An ideology is the set of opinions or beliefs of a person or a group. For example, the ideology of a political party (such as the Democrats or the Republicans) is made up of the beliefs that the members share about how to run the government.
7. **liaison** (lee-ay-ZAHN) *noun*; A liaison helps different people or groups communicate by acting as a link between them. Imagine that Alex wants Beth to ask the basketball team a question. If Beth poses Alex's question to the basketball team and then reports their responses back to Alex, Beth is acting as a liaison.
8. **reel** (REEL) *verb*; To reel is to move unsteadily or feel confused and unsteady after some sort of physical or mental shock. Getting hit in the head could send you reeling, and so could watching your favorite team lose dramatically in the final moments of a game. Something totally exciting and wonderful could cause you to reel too!

9. tenet (TEHN-ih) *noun*; A tenet is a belief or an idea that is very important to a group.

Freedom of speech is a tenet of American democracy.

10. terrorism (TEHR-or-ihzm) *noun*; Terrorism is the use of violence or the threat of violence to frighten people as a way of pressuring people or countries to take some particular action.

Terrorists—those who carry out acts of terrorism—usually target civilians (people who are not in the military).

Directions: In the space below, list any other words from the article whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence.